

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

Case No. 23-30486  
Originating No. 23CR40140

**AVONTE DELIN COPELAND,**

Defendant.

**GOVERNMENT'S PETITION  
FOR TRANSFER OF DEFENDANT TO  
ANOTHER DISTRICT AND SUPPORTING BRIEF**

Pursuant to Rule 5(c)(3)(D) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States of America hereby petitions the Court for an order transferring defendant **AVONTE DELIN COPELAND**, to answer to charges pending in another federal district, and states:

1. On **November 12, 2023**, defendant was arrested in the Eastern District Michigan in connection with a federal arrest warrant issued in the **District of South Dakota based on an indictment**. Defendant is charged in that district with violation of **21 USC 841(a)(1) – Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute**.

2. Rule 5 requires this Court to determine whether defendant is the person named in the arrest warrant and is entitled to a preliminary examination as described in Paragraph One above. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 5(c)(3)(D)(ii).

WHEREFORE, the government requests this Court to conduct transfer proceedings in accordance with Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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